

Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases
May 14, 2025 – May 20, 2025
Residents are reminded to remove any valuables from unoccupied
vehicles and remember to lock your vehicle's doors.
*****DO NOT LEAVE KEY FOBS IN VEHICLES! *****

25MN16962 – Warrant Arrest

On Tuesday, May 20th, 2025 at approximately 9:22 p.m., a 58-year-old male identified as Iakov Khiskiadze, who is a married, self-employed resident of Freehold Township was arrested on an outstanding warrant in the amount of \$1,000.00 out of Howell, NJ subsequent to a motor vehicle stop. Patrolman Marshall Bitsko was the arresting officer.

25MN16925- Shoplifting

On Tuesday, May 20th, 2025 at approximately 4:16 p.m. patrols took a report that a 71-year-old resident of Old Bridge, New Jersey, attempted to remove \$58.95 worth of household items from the Target in Manalapan. Target loss prevention was advised of the procedure to sign complains. Patrolman Matthew Jastrzembski handled the report.

25MN16909 – Attempted Burglary / Motor Vehicle Theft

On Tuesday, May 20th, 2025, at approximately 5:20 a.m., a 34-year-old resident of Manalapan reported that an unknown actor gained access to their vehicle and attempted to steal the vehicle from the driveway of their residence. No monetary loss at this time. Patrolman Donovan Turner handled the initial report.

25MN16838- Burglary / MV Theft

On Tuesday, May 20th, 2025 at approximately 5:26 a.m. a 48-year-old Manalapan resident reported that unknown actor(s) entered their residence, removed a vehicle key, and stole their vehicle, valued at \$39,000.00, which was parked in the driveway. Patrolman Christopher Kinnie handled the initial report, which is pending further investigation.

25MN16795- Theft

On Monday, May 19th, 2025, at approximately 6:23 p.m., a 37-year-old resident of Ocean Township, New Jersey, advised that a Manalapan Township Business that they worked for failed to provide a pay check in the amount of approximately \$7,000. Patrolman Michael DeCristofaro handled the report.

25MN16794-Fraud

On Monday, May 19th, 2025, at approximately 6:16 p.m., a 55-year-old Manalapan resident was a victim of fraud in the amount of \$500.00 after sending an unknown actor an Apple gift card in exchange for a "Grant" that did not actually exist. This case is pending further investigation. Patrolman Matthew Parke handled the initial report.

25MN16768- Fraud

On Monday, May 19th, 2025, at approximately 3:05 p.m., a 78-year-old Manalapan resident reported that unknown actor(s) attempted to fraudulently obtain approximately \$9,000.00. The victim is at no monetary loss. Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo handled the report.

25MN16621 – Theft of Property

On Sunday, May 18th, 2025 at approximately 5:33 p.m. a 38-year-old Princeton resident reported that an unknown actor(s) stole a pair of Sunglasses worth \$280 and \$20 cash from their vehicle. Patrolman Brandon Rodrigues handled the initial report.

25MN16605 – Harassment

On Sunday, May 18th, 2025, at approximately 2:46 p.m., a 52-year-old Manalapan resident reported they were harassed by a 60-year-old Freehold resident at their residence. The reporting party advised this incident stemmed from a landlord tenant dispute. Patrolman Christopher Makwinski handled the report.

25MN16486 – Fire Call

On Saturday, May 17th, 2025, at approximately 6:25 p.m., patrols responded to a non-suspicious grill fire at a residence in Manalapan Township. There was minor property damage, no structure damage, and no injuries as a result of the fire. The Englishtown Fire Department, Manalapan Fire Company, and the Gordons Corner Fire Department responded to the scene along with the Manalapan Township Fire Marshall's Office. Patrolman Brandon Yeung handled this report.

25MN16478- Fraud

On Saturday, May 17th, 2025 at approximately 4:54 p.m., a 78-year-old Manalapan resident reported that unknown actors gained access to their personal information and attempted to send credit cards in their name to a residence in Brooklyn, NY. This report was handled by Patrol Officer Hope Barina and is pending further investigation.

25MN16446- Fraud

On Saturday, May 17th, 2025 at approximately 1:04 p.m., a 45-year-old Brooklyn resident reported that a check they wrote while in Manalapan was altered by the recipient and the amount of the check was changed to a higher dollar amount. This report was handled by Patrolman Peter Pagano and is pending further investigation.

25MN16428 – Theft of Property

On Saturday, May 17th, 2025 at approximately 9:52 a.m., an 18-year-old Manalapan resident reported that their Apple Airpod Max headphones valued at \$549.00 were stolen during an estate sale. This report was handled by Patrolman Brian Schank.

25MN16217- Harassment

On Thursday, May 15th, 2025 at approximately 3:47 p.m. a 24-year-old Monroe Township resident reported they were being harassed at their workplace by a 61-year-old subject that works at a nearby company. This report was handled by Patrolman Matthew Jastrzembski.

25MN16114 – Motor Vehicle Stop / Recovered Stolen Vehicle

On Wednesday, May 14th, 2025, at approximately 8:02 p.m. Patrolman Matthew Parke conducted a motor vehicle stop in the area of Route 9 north. The vehicle was later found to be reported stolen out of North Carolina. The driver, identified as 59-year-old Elizabeth Kanouse from Freehold, NJ, who is divorced and unemployed, was placed under arrested and charged with Theft of a Motor Vehicle. Elizabeth was also found to have two active criminal warrants out of Freehold Township Municipal Court and Colts Neck Municipal Court respectively. Elizabeth was processed and subsequently transported to Monmouth County Correctional Facility pending a future court date. Patrolman Matthew Parke was the arresting officer.

25MN16108- Controlled Dangerous Substance Arrest

On Wednesday May 14th, 2025 at approximately 6:09 p.m., Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo conducted a motor vehicle stop on Main Street for motor vehicle violations. The driver, identified as Josue Pagan – Valdes who is a 40-year-old single male resident of Perth Amboy and is employed as a steel worker and the passenger, identified as Paul Caputo, a 64-year-old divorced male resident of Manalapan who is self-employed, were both placed under arrest for being in possession of drug paraphernalia. Mr. Valdes was subsequently released on a summons, pending a future court date. Mr. Caputo was lodged in the Monmouth County Correctional Institution. Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo was the arresting officer.

25MN16082 – MV Burglary / Theft of Property

On Wednesday, May 14th, 2025 at approximately 1:28 p.m., a 42-year-old Manalapan resident reported that a bag containing various items and medications was stolen from the victim's unlocked vehicle. At this time, the victim reports a monetary loss of \$3,216.09. Patrolman Donovan Turner took the initial report.

25MN16077 – Fraud

On Wednesday, May 14th, 2025 at approximately 12:46 p.m., Patrolman Donovan Turner took a theft report in which a 45-year-old Manalapan resident alleges that a known actor fraudulently removed \$201.78 from their checking account. Patrolman Donovan Turner handled the report.